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Nuclear Arsenal of Pakistan
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note that Pakistan is expanding its nuclear arsenal and has developed warheads for delivery as well as converting some of its fighter jets to deliver nukes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) & (b): Government is aware of reports on the expansion of Pakistan's capability for fissile material production for nuclear weapons, the expansion in its delivery system capabilities and purported development of tactical nuclear weapons. Government continues to monitor development in this regard and is committed to taking all necessary steps to safeguard national security and respond to any threat suitably and adequately.

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